

HOUSE No. 645

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland (by request), petition of Karryn Flett relative to oral and written victim impact statements during judicial proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ORAL AND WRITTEN VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS DURING A JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following clause:—
4 (x) for victims, to be heard through an oral and written victim
5 impact statement at any point in the judicial proceedings when
6 there is the potential that the defendant could be released from
7 custody, about the effects of the crime on the victim and as to rec-
8 ommendations of the victim.